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BRITISH COLUMBIA.



PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency JAMES DOUGLAS, Companion of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Her Majesty's Colony of British Columbia and its dependencies, Vice Admiral of the same, &c., &c.

WHEREAS, by virtue of an Act of Parliament, made and passed in the 21st and 22nd years of the Reign of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, and by a Commission under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in conformity therewith I, JAMES DOUGLAS, Governor of the Colony of British Columbia, have been authorized by Proclamation issued under the Public Seal of the said Colony, to make laws, institutions, and ordinances, for the peace, order and good government of the same;

And whereas, it is expedient that town lots, suburban lots, and surveyed agricultural lands in British Columbia, which have been, or which hereafter may be offered for sale, at public auction, and remain unsold, should be sold by private contract;

Now therefore, I, JAMES DOUGLAS, Governor of British Columbia, by virtue of the authority aforesaid, do proclaim, order, and enact, as follows:—

The Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for the time being, for British Columbia, and all Magistrates, Gold Commissioners, and Assistant Gold Commissioners, by the said Chief Commissioner authorized in writing in that behalf, may sell by private contract any of the lots and lands, hereinafter mentioned, at the prices, and on the terms hereinafter respectively stated—viz.

a. Town and suburban lots which have been, or hereafter may be offered for sale at public auction, and remain unsold, at the upset price, and on the terms at and on which the same were offered for sale at such auction.

b. Agricultural lands surveyed by the Government Surveyor, which may, or shall have been offered for sale at public auction, and remain unsold, at ten shillings per acre, payable one half in cash at the time of sale, and the other half at the expiration of two years from such sale.

And the purchaser of any agricultural land aforesaid shall purchase, subject to such rights of way and water as may be hereafter declared by some writing under the hand of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works aforesaid.

{ L.S. } Issued under the Public Seal of the Said Colony, at Victoria, Vancouver Island, this twentieth day of January, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and sixty, and in the twenty-third year of Her Majesty's Reign, by me,

JAMES DOUGLAS.

By His Excellency's command,

WILLIAM A. G. YOUNG,

Acting Colonial Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

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